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A SHOWER FOR THE SHELTER

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006

The Shelter Story

In operation since 1980, Alexandria's Battered Women's Shelter serves more than 125 women and children each year as they struggle to start new lives – often after years of violence and abuse.

Our Shelter, very heavily used, provides unfailing comfort, security, counseling, legal help – and a path toward a brighter future. We are the only facility of this kind in Alexandria.

Our Shelter needs your help and support. An addition to the house to accommodate disabled and elderly women was recently completed, and now we urgently seek your assistance in furnishing our rooms. The City of Alexandria provides 60% of program expenses, and we must raise the rest from grants and donations from the community. As you can imagine, all of the Shelter's heavily and constantly used rooms frequently require renewal and refreshment - and we ask your help with this ongoing need.

Also, to help women and their children start new lives, the Shelter helps them find safe places to live – and to provide each family a “home-warming basket.” Many have fled their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs, and our baskets contain necessities to begin life again. This need is constant.

Home-Warming Baskets include:

laundry basket & supplies	light bulbs	dish rack
dryer sheets	pot holders	comforters
broom & dustpan	dish towels	coffee maker
mop	dish soap	pots and pans
phone/trac or landline	paper towels	eating utensils
pillows	sponges	cooking utensils
sheets	bowls	glasses
can opener	small lamps	toaster
plates	gift certificates	Iron

For information about the Domestic Violence Program and a complete listing of the Shelter's needs, please go to www.alexwomen.com.

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Request the pleasure of your company for a very special

SHOWER for the SHELTER

to benefit
the Alexandria Battered Women's Shelter

Sunday, June 4, 2006

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

at the home of Mr. Joseph F. Viar, Jr.
7827 Southdown Road
Alexandria, Virginia

Reply card enclosed
RSVP by May 22, 2006

